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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: David G. WHITTEN, et al. ART UNIT: 1641  
SERIAL NO.: 10/811,129 EXAMINER: Gary W. Counts  
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FOR: FLUORESCENT POLYMER-QTL APPROACH TO BIOSENSING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to first examination, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, and in further response to the Final Office Action dated July 25, 2005, the Applicants kindly request entry and favorable consideration of the following amendments and comments.